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In response to the Official Action dated December 9, 1998, the Applicants wish to amend the Patent Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, line 13, delete "are" and insert --is--.

Page 12, line 3, delete "Simultaneously" and insert
--Simultaneous--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 1, 3, 11 and 11 as follows:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for providing scheduling of a plurality of tasks of more than [at least] one application among processes in at least one computing node, each node having a plurality of local processes, comprising:

scheduler means for dynamically creating a prioritized schedule of said plurality of tasks of said more than one application; and

at least one local scheduler associated with said at least one computing node comprising means for ascertaining

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which of said plurality of tasks are assigned to each of said plurality of local processes and means for prioritizing said assigned processes in accordance with said prioritized schedule.

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3. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein said operating system is further adapted to interleave the execution of local tasks [local operations] with said tasks.

11. (Amended) A method for scheduling a plurality of tasks of [at least] more than one application among processes on at least one computing node, in a system having scheduler means and at least one computing node, each computing node having a plurality of local processes comprising the steps of:

providing | application information to scheduler
means;

dynamically creating a prioritized schedule of said plurality of tasks, said schedule including tasks of said more than one application;

determining correspondence between said plurality of tasks and said plurality of local processes; and

dynamically prioritizing said local processes in accordance with said prioritized schedule.